

CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, at least the following is claimed:

- 1 1. A system which docks a camera, comprising:
2 a base; and
3 a platform configured to dock with the camera and configured to couple to the
4 base such that the platform may be rotated about an axis of rotation.

- 1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the camera, when docked to the
2 platform, may be rotated about the axis of rotation.

- 1 3. The system of claim 1, further comprising a connection member
2 coupled to the platform and configured to insert into a matching recess residing in the
3 camera such that when the camera is docked to the platform, the camera is rigidly
4 coupled to the connection member.

- 1 4. The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of connectors
2 configured to communicatively couple the docked camera with a processing system.

- 1 5. The system of claim 1, further comprising at least one leg coupled to
2 the base.

- 1 6. The system of claim 1, further comprising a cavity residing in a top
2 surface of the platform, the cavity corresponding to the base of the camera such that
3 when the camera is docked to the platform, the camera is rigidly coupled to the
4 platform.

- 1 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the platform further comprises a
2 pedestal platform, the pedestal platform configured to dock the camera and to display
3 marketing devices placed on the pedestal platform.

1 8. The system of claim 7, further comprising:
2 a pedestal base; and
3 a plurality of pedestal platforms wherein a plurality of cameras may be docked.

1 9. The system of claim 1, further comprising a communication device,
2 wherein the communication device uses a communication medium to
3 communicatively couple the docked camera to a processing system.

1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the communication medium comprises
2 at least one selected from a group consisting of a wire connection medium, an infrared
3 medium, a cable medium, a microwave medium, a radio frequency (RF) medium, an
4 intermediary communication system may be employed, a telephony system medium
5 and an Internet medium.

1 11. A method for docking a camera, the method comprising the steps of:
2 coupling the camera to a docking station platform; and
3 rotating the camera about an axis of rotation, the rotation permitted by the
4 docking station platform configured to couple to a docking station base such that the
5 docking station platform may be rotated about the axis of rotation.

1 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of communicating
2 information from the camera to a processing system.

1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the step of communicating further
2 comprises the step of communication with a communication medium used by a
3 communication device.

1 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the communication medium
2 comprises at least one selected from a group consisting of a wire connection medium,
3 an infrared medium, a cable medium, a microwave medium, a radio frequency (RF)
4 medium, an intermediary communication system may be employed, a telephony
5 system medium and an Internet medium.

1 15. A system for docking a camera, comprising:
 2 means for physically coupling the camera to a docking station platform;
 3 means for communicatively coupling the camera to a docking station platform;
 4 and
 5 means for rotating the camera about an axis of rotation, the rotation permitted
 6 by the docking station platform configured to couple to a docking station base such
 7 that the docking station platform may be rotated about the axis of rotation.

1 16. The system of claim 15, further comprising means for rigidly coupling
 2 the camera to the docking station platform.

1 17. The system of claim 15, further comprising means for communicating
 2 information from the camera to a processing system.

1 18. The system of claim 17, wherein the means for communicating further
 2 comprises means for communicating with a communication medium used by a
 3 communication device.

1 19. The system of claim 18, wherein the communication medium
 2 comprises at least one selected from a group consisting of a wire connection medium,
 3 an infrared medium, a cable medium, a microwave medium, a radio frequency (RF)
 4 medium, an intermediary communication system may be employed, a telephony
 5 system medium and an Internet medium.

1 20. The system of claim 15, wherein the means for communicatively
 2 coupling further comprises means for coupling the camera to a pedestal platform such
 3 that marketing devices are placed on the pedestal platform.